

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 23, with the following amended paragraph:

In the present invention, the run-flat support is formed so that an outer diameter thereof is smaller than an inner diameter of a tread portion of the pneumatic tire so as to keep a certain distance between the pneumatic tire and the run-flat support, and the inner diameter is formed to be substantially the same as an inner diameter of the bead portion of the pneumatic tire. While being inserted in the cavity section of the pneumatic tire, this run-flat support is mounted on the rim of the wheel together with the pneumatic tire to form the tire assembly wheel tire wheel assembly. When the tire wheel assembly is attached to a vehicle and the pneumatic tire goes flat while the vehicle is running, the punctured and flat tire is supported by the support surface of the annular shell of the run-flat support, thus enabling run-flat driving.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

The tire wheel assembly to be tested was attached to ~~an~~ front a front right wheel of an FR (front-engine rear-drive) car of 2.5 liter displacement. Internal pressure of the tire is set to 0 kPa (internal pressure of the tires except for the front right wheel is 200 kPa). The car was driven in a circuit counterclockwise at a speed of 90 km/h. The mileage before running becomes impossible was measured. The evaluation results were indicated by

index with the measured mileage of the tire wheel assembly of Conventional Example being defined as 100. Larger index mean more excellent durability in run-flat driving.